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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.